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28 MAY 1957

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Mr. Robert S. McCollum  
Deputy Administrator  
Office of Refugee and Migration Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. McCollum:

Reference is made to your letters of 16 April and 13 May requesting this Agency's assistance in conducting name checks of applicants for the United States Escapee Program.

Because the current capabilities of our name check facilities could not cope with the total case load which you estimate, I feel that we can accept only those cases in which it has been determined that the applicant has been definitely selected for entry into the United States subject to necessary screening.

Inasmuch as you are unable at this time to estimate the number of aliens scheduled for entry into the United States as the program progresses, I can of course give you no indication of how expeditiously your requests will be handled. I can only assure you of our utmost cooperation within the limitation of our capabilities.

Sincerely,

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SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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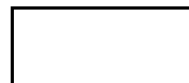
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: State Request for Name Checking of  
United States Escapee Program Applicants

1. Attached for your signature is a reply to a second letter from Mr. Robert S. McCollum, Deputy Administrator, Office of Refugee and Migration Affairs, Department of State, clarifying his previous request for CIA name check service for the United States Escapee Program.

2. The chief of our Registry estimates that he would need thirteen additional persons to keep the proposed flow of name checks on a current basis. I do not feel that our facilities should be increased to check applicants who are to be resettled in countries other than the United States, and inasmuch as State can give us no estimate as to the number scheduled for United States entry, our reply should not make a commitment for handling an undetermined case load.



Richard Helms  
Chief of Operations, DD/P

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2 MAY 1957

*Handwritten: [Signature]*  
 Mr. Robert L. McCallum  
 Deputy Administrator  
 Office of Refugee and Migration Affairs  
 Department of State  
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCallum:

Reference is made to your letter of 16 April 1957 in which you mention a proposed amplification of certain security screening requirements of U. S. Escape Program applicants to include name checks against Central Intelligence Agency files in Washington, and ask our favorable consideration of the proposed procedure.

To assist us in determining whether or not our capabilities can cope with this requirement, I would appreciate knowing (a) the total number of applicants which you anticipate under the Program, and (b) the monthly rate of flow of name checks to this Agency.

I would also appreciate knowing what proportion of the applicants would be entering the United States so that if we are able to accept the requirement, we can better determine the priority which should be given to these name check requests in relation to those submitted by the Department of State and other Government agencies on an "expedite" basis.

Sincerely,

**SIGNED**

Allen D. Dulles  
 Director

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12 MAY 1957 DE 7 APR 29 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: State Request for Name Checking of  
United States Escapee Program Applicants

1. This memorandum suggests action on the part of the DCI. The requested action is contained in paragraph 2.
2. Attached for your signature is a reply to a letter from Mr. Robert S. McCollum, Deputy Administrator, Office of Refugee and Migration Affairs, Department of State, requesting Central Intelligence Agency name check service for the United States Escapee Program.
3. Previous experience with the Refugee Relief Program which taxed our facilities to such a degree that additional personnel had to be assigned to name checking because of the extreme pressure brought to bear by the Department of State, indicates that we should have a clear understanding of the scope of this requirement before agreeing to accept it.
4. It is my understanding that all applicants for the United States Escapee Program, with few exceptions, will be re-settled in countries other than the United States.

[Redacted Signature]

RICHARD HELMS  
Chief of Operations, DD/P

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April 16, 1957

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Reference is made to Executive Order 10663 whereby the President transferred the administration of the U. S. Escapee Program to the Department of State. In accordance with Section 3 of the Executive Order, the Secretary of State delegated this responsibility to the Office of Refugee and Migration Affairs, Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs.

Due consideration has been given to this responsibility in terms of the Department of State's mission and, in particular, to Mutual Security Appropriation Act (Public Law 853, 84th Congress) and National Security Council Directive 5706/2. In this connection, a planned amplification of certain security screening requirements of U. S. Escapee Program applicants includes name checks against the Central Intelligence Agency files in Washington. The processing of these checks in the same manner as those conducted under the Refugee Relief Program has been the subject of preliminary discussion between Mr. Jean Chenard of this office and [redacted] of your Agency.

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Your favorable consideration of this proposed procedure will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Robert S. McCollum  
Deputy Administrator  
Office of Refugee and Migration Affairs

The Honorable  
Allen W. Dulles,  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency,  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Dulles:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of May 2, 1957, wherein you requested that this Office provide your Agency with certain case load information.

The normal annual adult screening case load of the United States Escapee Program is approximately 16,000 and ordinarily would require from 1,300 to 1,500 name checks per month. As a result of the October revolution in Hungary, however, the present annual screening case load has been temporarily increased by an additional 17,000. The screening case load for fiscal year 1958, therefore, is presently estimated at 33,000 and will probably require approximately 2,600 name checks per month. It is impossible to estimate the number of aliens represented by these figures who will enter the United States since the Department's screening procedures precede -- frequently by many months -- determinations of aliens' areas of resettlement, including resettlement in the United States.

It is important to note that these figures do not give consideration to the President's recommendation to the Congress of January 1, 1957, for emergency legislation to provide for the admission of escapees and refugees to the United States as parolees. It is quite possible, therefore, that if Congress enacts the President's recommendation the above estimates may have to be revised.

As previously stated in our letter of April 16th, the Department considers it essential that the security screening of escapees and refugees processed by the Office of Refugee and Migration Affairs under legislative and executive mandates include name checks against

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The Honorable

Allen W. Dulles,

Director, Central Intelligence Agency,  
Washington, D. C.

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your Agency's records in Washington. In view of the concern expressed in the ITC Report of April 17, I trust that this office will be enabled to initiate this phase of its security screening by July 1, 1957.

Sincerely yours,

Robert S. McCollum  
Deputy Administrator  
Office of Refugee and Migration Affairs